

Report Recommends U Of O Be Bilingual By '72

A report now being circulated to the faculty, students and administration of the University of Ottawa recommends that the university adopt a bilingual policy favouring French students before 1972.

Commissioned in 1969, the report was prepared by a five-member committee headed by Hughes Morrisette, a professor in the geography department.

The proposed bilingualism policy, the report says, is to promote individual bilingualism without which institutional bilingualism cannot exist. As a result of this policy, preference would be given to students having a functional knowledge of both languages.

The report envisages a financial saving if the program is carried out since it would allow subjects in upper years to be taught in either French or English. At present most courses are duplicated in both languages.

According to Marcel Gagnon, academic vice-president, 58 per cent of U of O students are francophone. About 31 per cent are from Quebec.

The report also found that 266 of 270 French-speaking teachers were bilingual but only 99 of the 275 English speaking teachers knew both languages. The bilingualism po-

licy would not affect staff or students already at the university. It would only apply to those applying for admission or employment after the program had been implemented.

The various segments of the

university will have until the end of the month to consider the report and submit briefs in response. The report will then be debated by the university senate at its next meeting March

1. It is planned that the new bilingualism policy will be implemented in the coming fall.

The bilingualism policy proposed by the committee conflicts with the recommendations

of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism which recommended the University of Ottawa become a unilingual institution with French as its sole language.

SRC BULLETIN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Athletics Board be requested to amend their constitution such that one of the UNB-SRC appointments must be a member of the UNB-SRC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC appoint an entertainment director to be in charge of obtaining, paying and making all arrangements for entertainment sponsored by campus organizations on the request of such organizations.

WHEREAS this campus population is growing in size and mature of academic pursuits, there is a clearly defined need for constant stimulation of the mind of students regarding the current topical issues of the day.

WHEREAS in many instances this campus is well known as an academic backwater, due to the periferal ridges of tropical debate of issues such as Canadian nationalism, cultural assimilation and deletion of the Indian culture on Acadian and French Canadian culture on any debate over new social development policies of government at all levels.

AND WHEREAS there is a distinct need for this government to promote educational interests of students as laid down by our constitution, I propose the following:

The establishment of a standing committee on obtaining guest speakers on the various topics confronting the members of this campus and this province, if not the nation as a whole.

This committee be known as Guest Lecturer Tour Fund, chaired by an SRC representative of the present council and comprised of five members through the SAC Applications Committee or by direct appointment of the SRC.

No two Lecturers Committee members may be a member of the same campus club who would be involved in suggesting or promoting campus speakers. This clause to prevent one political orientated club from commanding to great a degree of influence on committee selection of speakers.

A realistic budget for speakers per year would not exceed \$20,000.00 but could be decreased or increased on decision of the AB or Council. This committee would spend a great deal of time researching economic

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methods of securing prominent speakers, for example, Atlantic speaking tours of several campuses to lower costs involved.

The committee is charged with gathering representatives of the most diverse interests to offer students access to all possible differing or startling opinions.

This committee is charged with responsibility of promoting advertising of these events and the location of such addresses by directing the SRC Public Relations Officer, at present Miss Nora Peacock, to arrange for such logistics.

All committee operations would proceed in standard SRC manner except this committee would be required to report monthly to council on financing, and list of speakers secured.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dave Gamble and Valerie Carson be appointed to the Applications Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT student union fees be set at \$35.00 per student for the 1971-72 academic year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC pay the SRC recording Sect'y \$1.50 per hour.



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